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DIGITAL SIGNALS AND METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR GENERATING DIGITAL  
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**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2004. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.